

digestive organs and can be traced to constipation. No One Need Suffer From Indigestion or Constipation. Lifo takes the place of the coarse elements of the food. It cleanses the walls of the stomach and intestines. It keeps those impurities from entering the blood stream, it maintains health and sweet breath, and it gives a buoyancy and vitality, the full pleasure of which you have never known. It must be remembered that Lifo * * * is positive in its action, startling in the results it immediately gives, and stands alone as a system purifier and body builder."

Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the packages failed to bear a statement on the label of the quantity of alcohol contained therein.

On February 8, 1928, the Lifo Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio, having appeared as claimant for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be released to the said claimant upon payment of the costs of the proceedings and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$1,000, conditioned, in part, that it be relabeled under the supervision of this department.

W. M. JARDINE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

15590. Misbranding of Pildoras Matricura, Cordial Matricura, Fosfarsinol, and Filarysine. U. S. v. 3 Dozen Bottles of Pildoras Matricura, et al. Decree of condemnation entered. Products released under bond. (F. & D. Nos. 21431, 21432, 21433, 21434. I. S. Nos. 14504-x, 14505-x, 14506-x, 14507-x. S. No. E-5679.)

On December 28, 1926, the United States attorney for the District of Porto Rico, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure of 3 dozen bottles of Pildoras Matricura, 3 dozen bottles of Cordial Matricura, 3 dozen bottles of Fosfarsinol, and 3 dozen bottles of Filarysine, at Santurce, P. R., alleging that the articles were being offered for sale and sold in the territory of Porto Rico by the American Tropical Remedy Co., Santurce, P. R., and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analyses of samples of the articles by this department showed that the Pildoras Matricura were pills composed of plant material including aloe and myrrh; that the Cordial Matricura consisted essentially of extracts of plant drugs, alcohol, and water; that the Fosfarsinol was a sirup containing sodium and calcium glycerophosphates, strychnine, traces of arsenic and benzaldehyde, and 12 per cent of alcohol; and that the Filarysine consisted essentially of compounds including iodides of potassium, sodium, arsenic and mercury, berberine, glycerin, alcohol (1.5 per cent), and water.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that the following statements, regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the articles, were false and fraudulent, since the said articles contained no ingredients or combinations of ingredients capable of producing the results claimed: (Pildoras Matricura, box label, translation from Spanish) "Pildoras Matricura," (circular, translation from Spanish) "Pills Matricura * * * For diseases of women. Pills Matricura as indicated by their name are used for treating the functional diseases of the womb. They give results in dysmenorrhea or difficult and painful menstruation if taken a few days before or during the menstrual period. During the Menopause or the critical age of women, when the womb ceases to function, nervous troubles of the circulation appear such as chilly hands and feet, warm sensations on the face and body, noise in the head, headache, dizziness, insomnia, palpitations, bloody flux through the nose, etc. They can be checked by the use of Pills Matricura, helped by cold and warm baths and one or two doses of Rochelle Salts. Pills Matricura are over all, a great remedy for the nervous troubles known under the name of hysteria, which manifests itself by numerous symptoms:—loss of appetite, loss of temper, headache, dizziness, blood pressure on the face and head, nervous attacks with the sensation of a lump rising from the chest to the throat and back accompanied by agitation and screaming, violent trembling and convulsions. * * * In Amenorrhœa * * * In painful menstruation * * * In the rest of the cases 4 pills should be taken daily. * * * Pale women should use the Pills at night and morning only;" (Cordial Matricura carton and bottle label, translation from Spanish) "Cordial Matricura * * * For diseases of women only. This preparation is indicated in the functional affections of the womb, disorders of menstruation, hysteria and other nervous diseases of women. It can be used in Amenorrhœa (Lack of or scanty menstruation). Dysmenorrhœa (difficult or painful menstruation). Leucorrhœa

(Whites) Menopause or critical age in women, uterine hemorrhages not due to organic lesions of the uterus. * * * For diseases of the womb and other similar diseases of women," (circular, translation from Spanish) "Cordial Matricura * * * for diseases peculiar to women * * * Relieves the suffering caused by menstruation. It checks it when abundant or scarce, regulating in that way that important physiological function. It can be used with confidence in all affections of the womb, not due to organic lesions; such as Amenorrhea (lack of or scanty menstruation); and dysmenorrhea (painful menstruation). Habitual abortion can be avoided to a certain extent by the continued use of this medicine, when not caused by syphilitic infection or organic lesions of the uterus. By regulating the functional disorders of the uterus, this medicine helps to avoid the sufferings of pregnancy and prepares women for successful parturition. Cordial Matricura is a medicine which gives excellent results during the critical age of women, or change of life, when menstruation ceases and nervous disorders of the circulation appear, such as chilly hands and feet, warm sensations on the face and body, noise and pains in the head, vertigo, insomnia, palpitations, and bloody flux through the nose * * * In Leucorrhœa (Whites) * * * The use of this medicine is specially indicated in Hysteria, nervous attacks (hysterical), headache, backache, and weight in the lower part of the abdomen. Hysteria appears under different symptoms, such as loss of temper, the patient feeling sometimes happy and other times mournful and angry, headache, torpidity, unfounded fear, heart oppressions, palpitations, and chilly hands and feet. In some other instances the patient will suffer nervous attacks and will feel as if a ball were rising from the chest to the throat and back, being accompanied by screaming, violent shocks, convulsions, rigidity, vertigo, crying or laughing * * * In Amenorrhea (Lack of or scanty menstruation) * * * In Dysmenorrhea (difficult or painful menstruation), pains in the lower part of the abdomen, neuralgia and pain in the ovaries * * * In nervous attacks, pains in the head and back, chilly hands and feet, and other nervous affections * * * During pregnancy, the critical age and in other similar conditions;" (Fosfarsinol, carton and bottle label, translation from Spanish) "Fosfarsinol * * * a powerful tonic for the brain and nerves, a real food for the nervous cells which stimulates and nourishes. Repairs and stops the organic waste, acting as an energetic reconstituent of the cells. Its use is indicated in the diverse forms of neurasthenia (caused by intense dismineralization), neuroanemia, phosphaturia, diabetes, hysteria, rickets, sexual debility (impotence), osteomalacia, premature breakdown, and in all cases of general debility * * * The new reconstituent for the nerves and brain," (circular, in part, translation from Spanish) "Fosfarsinol * * * The new reconstituent for the nerves and brain * * * Fosfarsinol is therefore a powerful tonic for the nerves and brain, a general reconstituent which acts by stimulating the cellular metabolism. Repairs and stops the organic waste acting as an energetic vitalizing agent over the tissues. Its use is indicated in the diverse forms of neurasthenia, caused by intense dismineralization, neuroanemia, incipient tuberculosis, phosphaturia, nervous atonic dyspepsia, epilepsy, hysteria, osteomalacia, rickets, premature breakdown, sexual debility (impotence), convalescence, etc.;" (Filarysine, carton, translation from Spanish) "Filarysine * * * A depurative for all the diseases of the blood and skin," (bottle label, translation from Spanish) "Filarysine * * * Efficacious depurative for combating all the infectious and parasitical diseases of the skin and blood, no matter whether hereditary or recently acquired," (circular, translation from Spanish) "Filarysine is the newest and most powerful depurative or purifier of the blood, therefore it can be used for combating Filaria—(chronic inflammation of the legs or Erysipelas as it is commonly called)—Syphilis, and the affections of the skins and tissues derived from it, such as ulcers, eruptions, pains in the bones, stains, lesions in the mucous membranes, fall of the hair, etc. It combats efficaciously herpes, grains, pimples, ulcers, sores, and other cutaneous diseases; tumors, boils or furuncles, rheumatism, gout, pains in the back and joints and any other disease caused by impurity of the blood, no matter whether recent or chronic, or acquired by contact or hereditary * * * If you suffer from any of these affections, use Filarysine and you will be satisfied with the efficacy of this new depurative."

Misbranding was alleged with respect to the Cordial Matricura, the Fosfarsinol, and the Filarysine, for the further reasons that the alcoholic content was incorrectly stated on the labels on the Cordial Matricura and Fosfarsinol, and that no alcoholic content was declared on the Filarysine, whereas it contained 1.5 per cent of alcohol.

On June 21, 1927, the American Tropical Remedy Co., Santurce, P. R., having appeared as claimant for the property and having admitted the allegations of the libel, judgment of condemnation was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the products be released to the said claimant upon payment of the cost of the proceedings and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$800, conditioned in part that they not be sold or otherwise disposed of without first having been properly labeled as required by law.

W. M. JARDINE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

15591. Misbranding of Prescription 999 astringent wash, Prescription 999 nerve tonic, and Prescription 999 capsules. U. S. v. 4 packages Prescription 999 Astringent Wash, et al. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 22358. I. S. Nos. 11359-x, 11361-x, 11362-x. S. No. 362.)

On January 13, 1928, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 4 packages of Prescription 999 astringent wash, 12 packages of Prescription 999 nerve tonic, and 12 packages of Prescription 999 capsules, at Toledo, Ohio, alleging that the articles had been shipped by the Combination Remedy Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., in part November 7, 1927, and in part November 23, 1927, and had been transported from the State of Pennsylvania into the State of Ohio, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended. The articles were labeled, in part: (Prescription 999 astringent wash, carton) "To be used in conjunction with 999 Capsules. For Kidney and Bladder disorders, as a wash for Irritated Membranes;" (Prescription 999 capsules, box label) "Recommended for Kidney and Bladder Disorders. This Medicine is a combination of Oil Sandalwood, Oil Cubebs, Copaiba and other valuable Vegetable Oils which are known to give the best results in treating the disease for which this medicine is intended. * * * after all signs of the disease have disappeared;" (Prescription 999 nerve tonic, box label) "Nerve Tonic. The Ingredients from which these capsules are compounded have been used and prescribed for years for rundown systems and nervous disorders."

Analyses of samples of the articles by this department showed that the Prescription 999 capsules consisted essentially of the volatile oils of nutmeg, santal, and cubeb, copaiba, and a fatty oil; that the astringent wash consisted essentially of boric acid, magnesium sulphate, and a coal-tar color; and that the nerve tonic consisted essentially of zinc phosphide, calcium sulphate, and extracts of nux vomica and damiana.

It was alleged in the libel that the articles were misbranded, in that the above-quoted statements regarding the therapeutic or curative effects of the said articles were false and fraudulent, since none of the articles contained any ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed.

On February 15, 1928, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the products be destroyed by the United States marshal.

W. M. JARDINE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

15592. Misbranding of 999 nerve tonic. U. S. v. 8 Packages of 999 Nerve Tonic. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 22363. I. S. No. 23685-x. S. No. 373.)

On January 9, 1928, the United States attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 8 packages of 999 nerve tonic, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Watertown, Wis., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Combination Remedy Co., from Pittsburgh, Pa., October 28, 1927, and transported from the State of Pennsylvania into the State of Wisconsin, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended. The article was labeled in part: (Box) "Nerve Tonic. The Ingredients from which these capsules are compounded have been used and prescribed for years for rundown systems and nervous disorders."

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted of capsules containing zinc phosphide, calcium sulphate, and extracts of nux vomica and damiana.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded, in that the above quoted statements, regarding the curative effects of the said article,